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Dear Wes:

We have not yet had any official word from you concerning the arrival of our party in Japan. The last we heard was your wire from San Francisco which indicated that the first group was to depart on the 25th of November from San Francisco. I am still waiting for your statement that all arrived safely, and the information required by British Army Staff and Canadian Army Staff concerning the date of arrival at and departure from San Francisco, and also a statement concerning any expenses borne by the individuals concerned for food and lodging.

Major Stremleu arrived in Washington a couple of days ago and told us that the party had arrived in Tokyo and was well settled. Please tell Otto that I have received his weekly reports and hope he will continue to send them so that we can keep up-to-date on your operations there. Tell him, also, that he should receive a letter from Colonel Marland shortly, if he has not already, concerning Colonel Marland's change in status here. For the present, I am continuing as Acting Chief.

I am enclosing copies of orders promoting Joe Becker to 1st Lt. Please extend my congratulations to him. Jarvinen also made 1st Lt a couple of days ago.

Since I last wrote you concerning promotions there have been some changes in promotion policy and in our allotment of grades and ratings which make it desirable that we promote all eligible men at the earliest possible date so that we will not be caught short by some proposed

reductions in grades allotted. For this reason, I am putting in recommendations for the following members of the advance echelon. Provided they go through, these promotions will be effective 10 December. We will send you copies of the orders when published:

Tec 3 Bogdanavage to T/Sgt
Tec 3 Ishida to T/Sgt
Tec 3 Kawabata to T/Sgt
Tec 4 Conway to Tec 3
Tec 4 Chester to Tec 3
Tec 4 Yusitis to Tec 3
Cpl Shoemaker to Tec 4

I am also recommending 1st Lieutenants for Kihara, Kaneko and Horowitz. However, there is no assurance that they will go through so they are not to be told that the recommendations are going in. If they are approved, they will be effective early in January. I will let you know later.

My own promotion has been deferred again by General Bissell and it will not come this month. However, there is a possibility that I will get it in January.

I noticed in the paper the other day that the temperature was 40 below zero in Tokyo. I hope that the central heating system about which Langbaum was so worried has now been installed and that all of you are comfortable. Give my regards and best wishes to Otto and tell him that I will get a letter off to him in a few days after I succeed in digesting all the progress reports he has sent in. There are a number of things going on out there which bother me somewhat, as I am sure they do him also. However, since he is on the spot, he is in a better position than I am to evaluate the problems and solve them. I do not intend to interfere in the operations out there except on broad policy lines. Regards to all.

Sincerely,